

## How Much Space Was Devoted to Facilities for Laboratory Animals?

Scientific research in several fields relies on animals. Federal laws and regulations have been instituted to protect animals used in research and to ensure that the space in which they are kept is adequate (42 U.S.C. 289d and 9 CFR Part 3).

Eighty-seven percent of all research-performing universities and colleges had laboratory animal facilities. Doctorate-granting institutions were more likely to have such facilities than were nondoctorate-granting institutions, 95 percent and 77 percent respectively (Table 1-8).

Table 1-8. Amount and distribution of space for laboratory animal facilities by institution type: 1994

<i>Institution type</i>	<i>Institutions with laboratory animal facilities</i>		<i>Total space in laboratory animal facilities</i>		<i>Research space in laboratory animal facilities</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage of institutions</i>	<i>Net assignable square feet (NASF) in millions</i>	<i>Percentage of total NASF</i>	<i>NASF in millions</i>	<i>Percentage of NASF</i>
<b>Total</b>	493	87	11.3	100	8.6	76
Doctorate-granting	304	95	10.6	94	8.3	78
Top 100 in research expenditures	96	96	7.8	69	6.4	82
Other	208	95	2.7	24	1.9	70

In 1994, research-performing universities and colleges devoted approximately 11.3 million NASF to laboratory animal facilities; of this total space, approximately 8.6 million NASF, or 76 percent was used for research. Doctorate-granting universities contained 10.6 million NASF, or 94 percent of the total animal laboratory space. These institutions used 78 percent of laboratory animal space for research. Nondoctorate-granting institutions had 7 percent of the total laboratory animal space and devoted 50 percent of it to research.